

Tsz Peking correspondent of the *Shanghai Mercury* says:—Great preparations are being made for the anniversary of the fifth birthday of H.H.H. Prince Chun, which will occur on the 15th instant. An event of this kind will not only be something grand in Peking, but a grand day all over China amongst the officials. It would have been a greater affair had it been for the Fifth Prince, lying in January last, for whom they are still in mourning.

Some idea of the extent of the traffic upon the Soochow Creek, says the *N.C. Daily News*, may be obtained from a record which has just been compiled from observations for a period of 23 hours (daytime), on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the week before last. On these three days the number of craft passing in a given point in the time stated was 1,523. Of these, 920 were cargo-boats, 352 sampans, 13 foreign home-boats, 6 Chinese home-boats, 1 Chinese gunboat, and 10 steam-launches.

Tsz Chinkiang correspondent of the *Shanghai Mercury* says:—The mob are beginning to show their teeth again, and the danger, at present at any rate, is placed at defiance. If the sagacious "Robert" opens his mouth, and in a weak moment murmurs "move on," he is promptly informed that his services, in the direction of order, are not required, and he takes the tip and leaves for the time being. The mob are still doing well, and another entertainment, similar to the last, may shortly be looked for: the voice of the gambler may be heard, and if he is unable to put up, the result will be, if you are the master, without being insulted, you may consider yourself lucky.

Several planters at Marudu Bay, in British North Borneo, have written a letter to the *Deli Courier*, to set the former country right with the outside public. In relation of rumour to the result of the point out that the healthiness Marudu Bay compares favourably with Deli, and that the coolies have adequate medical attendance. The Government land planters now effective assistance against coolie desertion, which has, on the other hand, almost ceased. On the other hand, the opening up of new estates encounters difficulties from scarcity of labour, sickness, desertion, and other disappointments which render the first crop smaller than might be expected under ordinary circumstances. It is no wonder that the planters are looking for these obstacles insurmountable, and it is up. They have, however, learned experience as to be valuable in subsequent efforts. The planters in question point out that Marudu Bay does answer requirements judging from the results obtained on the Rantau Estate, the only one which has been carried on long enough upon a large scale. The tobacco grown there has been favourably received in the European market.

GOETHE'S MEPHISTOPHELES.—More than Satan, more than Lucifer, Mehistopheles is the friend of the devil. He is the expression of a certain aspect of the modern world, cynical, counting were selfishness, the basis of all thought and action: a nihilist; but a passive one, not having belief, enough in humanity to be an active one, countering himself with scoffing and the wildest cynicism of man, too, but different and too negative in his nature to rail at them. He finds "nothing good on earth eternally," and has no hope of ever finding anything good. "I am the Spirit that denies," he declares; "he is the genius of negation; his power is negation; he is destructive; he is the destruction of the positive. Mehistopheles is simply stands by, denying with a scoff and order and ultimate good, expecting the world to tumble to pieces just from its own rottenness. Nothing is worth a man's earnest thought, in fact, everything is nothing; the world is made up of appearances which are mere lies; all is sham; sham is the one reality. He hardly believes in himself—he certainly does not take himself seriously. As devil he never actively tempts, but he is satisfied to let men drift, just as he is satisfied to let things happen. Happily, however, there is another and deeper spirit in the world than that of Mehistopheles, the spirit of Faust. Of the existence of this spirit Mehistopheles himself appears dimly conscious; at times the "Something of the chimney world" puzzles and irritates him; he perceives that this something is far from being a thousand germs, continually denies his denial. But this uneasy consciousness is momentary; the devil may be irritated or puzzled into a passing fit of earnestness, yet he almost immediately resumes his mocking, indifferent attitude.—*Conrad's Magazine*.

We believe that a telegram was received on Saturday, stating that the weather still continues unfavourable in Shanghai for the Inter-colonial or Inter-port cricket match. The Hongkong team had a rather rough passage up and down the river, but the contribution was made to the latter. Referring to the match the *N.C. Daily News* of last Monday writes:—Such an event has not occurred for over twenty years, we believe, and it is most unfortunate that the weather should be so unpropitious. We are sorry for the fourth week of constant rain and mist. It is not often that the weather is a subject of conversation here at this time of year. Bright sunny days and cold nights may generally be counted on in October, but this year we have not had an either or the other for nearly a month, and the weather is a trial subject here. This long-continued dullness has ruined crops and a people distressed, and by so much the less able to buy foreign goods. It is the most annoying, too, to know that this bad weather goes from the north end of the river to the south end. The first thing I found was a powder cartridge under the planks. On a more thorough search various articles were found, such as revolvers, knives, cut-throats, and other articles. The men were found to be of the Chinese race. It was known to the Chinese on board at noon. The cook's boy left the ship at noon, and when he was some distance off he said there would be a lively time after the ship left. Mr. Wilkinson objected, as this was not evidence. His Worship said he was not noting what was going on. Two compartments were with me when I made a search. They did not attempt to render any assistance. Had they been willing to assist we would have soon found the men. I opened three packages and found they contained clothing. We searched for ten minutes before finding the men. We searched five or six other men, their persons and boxes. When the prisoners were found we did not trouble about the rest. Nothing was found on the persons of any of the accused, when the things were found we arrested the men named. These men were separated from the others lying on the deck. One of them hid himself behind one of the bales. It was I who found the empty box and the cartridges.

The Shanghai Tsoat has issued a proclamation to the Chinese bankers, that they are to cease gambling in dollars as it causes the Mexicans to fluctuate very much, and causes high interest. It was prohibited some years ago, but people are doing it again.

The various recent examinations which have been held in different provinces, are due to a gracious act of Emperor Huang-hu, (in ordinary times it was generally held once in every three or four years, for students in complete for various degrees). When the successful students pass their examinations, there is a grand feast prepared for them in the large examination halls, then the Governor of the province with the chief examiners, as well as the assistant examiners, are all assembled, then comes the new successful students, and they are led into the hall by the examiners, first all reverentially bowing their heads nine times to a dragon board, (representing the Emperor), which is placed in the middle of the hall. After this ceremony is finished, they sit down to the feast. While they are eating, actors and dancers with musical instruments come and dance for this special occasion and act and dance before them, in honour of the newly graduated students. The students are highly elated by this act of grace from the throne.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

DEATH OF THE KING OF PORTUGAL.

A telegram was received yesterday by Mr. A. G. Romano, Consul General for Portugal at Hongkong, announcing the death of Luis I, King of Portugal, which took place on Saturday morning.

The deceased monarch was born on the 31st October 1838 and was a son of the late Queen Maria II and of the late Prince Ferdinand of Saxo-Coburg. He succeeded his brother Pedro V, November 11, 1861, and was married the following year to Queen Pia, youngest daughter of King Victor Emmanuel of Italy. He leaves two sons, Prince Carlos, Duke of Braganza, born Sept. 28th, 1863, and Prince Alfonso, born in 1865. Prince Carlos, who succeeds his father, was married in 1886 to Princess Maria Amalia, daughter of the Comte de Paris, and has one son, born in 1887.

The flags on the men-of-war in the harbour and the Consular offices were at half mast to-day. The death of the King will of course put an end to the celebration of his birthday (31st Oct.), for which the Portuguese community in Hongkong were making preparation.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The first stage of the third competition for the "Keweenaw Year Challenge Cup" was shot off on Saturday, the 19th inst. The conditions were rather favourable for good scores, and the subjoined results show that as compared with the previous competitions the shooting has improved. Mr. Collins made an excellent 44 at 600 yards, and Mr. Woodin was only one point behind the highest possible with the match rifle as the same distance. The following is the score:—

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